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PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

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Serial No.: 10/073,927

Examiner: Chong R. Kim

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For: FINGERPRINT IMAGE ACQUISITION APPARATUS AND METHOD  
THEREOF

**COMMENTS IN REPLY TO EXAMINER'S  
STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Sir:

The Notice of Allowance was issued on the above-identified application on August 26, 2005. Subsequently, a corrected Notice of Allowance and Fees Due was issued on September 19, 2005 without restarting the due date for payment of the Issue and Publication Fees.

In both the Notice of Allowance and the Corrected Notice of Allowance, it is stated that the reasons for allowance is “the step of further subdividing the unit blocks in only the center region of the fingerprint image. These features in combination with the other elements of the claim and the base claims are not disclosed or suggested by the prior art of record.” Applicant notes that the statement is a shorthand characterization of the claims not conforming exactly to

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the recitation of the claims. Applicant submits that the claims are allowable due to the features recited in the claims themselves and should not be limited by the Examiner's shorthand statement found in the Reasons for Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,  
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